THE BIBLE SPEAKS

International Uniform Sunday School Lessons

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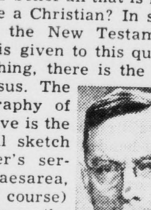
Scripture: Acts 10:38; Galatians 6:1-2; James 1:22, 26-27; 2:14-17; I John 3:16-18.
Devotional Reading: Matthew 10:40-42.

Some One Needs You

Lesson for August 29, 1954

IS RIGHT belief all that is needed to make a Christian? In several places in the New Testament a plain NO is given to this question. For one thing, there is the example of Jesus. The first biography of him we have is the thumb-nail sketch from Peter's sermon at Caesarea, spoken (of course) years before the gospels were written down: "He went about doing good." Jesus not only **was** good, he **did** good, he spent his time helping people. What can we say of a "Christian" who makes no effort to do as Christ did? Then James and John, different types though they were, agree on the same point. James says flatly that faith without works is dead, and a look at the whole paragraph where he says this, shows that the "works" he is thinking of are just the giving of "things needed for the body," to those who are ill-clad and in need of daily food. As for John, he makes the same point: if a man sees his brother in need and closes his heart to him, how can the love of God be in such a man?



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Need for Bread

Some one needs you. This is as certain as that you are a human being. Nowhere in the New Testament is it suggested that any one should be so super-generous as to make a pauper out of himself. But all through the New Testament it is strongly suggested that if there is a need in the world that we can supply, we do not have to ask ourselves, What shall I do? but only **How** can I help? The simplest needs are physical. There are children in our own families; there are the perpetually poor, the unemployables, the defectives, in every community. There are people without work, hard-up people, even in the best of times. These are people you can see.

And you do not have to travel farther than the nearest church to be reminded of hungry people you will never see but whom you can help through that church. In Korea, for example, missionaries in every church that is at work there have been spending a large part of their time, in these last few years, in famine relief. Through "Church World Service," CROP and other interdenominational agencies you are offered the chance to help widows and orphans who without your help would simply starve. When your church helps to support "agricultural missions" you are helping people in backward countries to farm more intelligently and feed more people on the same amount of land.

Not by Bread Alone . . .

But man does not live by bread alone, though to be sure he does live by bread. Just because he is man and not brute, he has needs which are mental and spiritual. Every minister of a prosperous congregation knows families that never have needed help to pay their bills; they have all the money they need and all that money can buy. But these may be among the most needy families of the congregation, their lives may be empty, or filled with fear and despair. Physically well-fed, spiritually starving people are all around us. In these days in particular there is need for cheer and courage. We are certainly living in the darkest hours of human history, and many believe these are the last hours of the human race. At such a time men's hearts melt within them.

Sharing and Bearing

There are also the needs of those who have missed the mark, who have been (to quote Paul) "overtaken in a fault" and need above all to have their spiritual health restored, they need to "get right" with God and man. Here again is a need which Christians supply not only to those whom they personally know, but—through the missionary work of the church which they support — to others around the globe. Wherever, in mid-Africa or in a lonely western mining - camp, or anywhere else, the message of Christ is brought by those who are supported by churches such as those in your community, there the Christians in the home churches are helping the deepest human needs perhaps better than they could if they were there themselves. Each of us has his own load of responsibility to bear; but also each of us can share some of the burdens of the heavy-laden, near and far.

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SEPTEMBER GARDEN SUGGESTIONS GIVEN

September's no time for idleness on the part of the home gardener.

In the opinion of L. C. Beamer, associate horticulturist at VPI, you can do a lot to round out your 1954 garden program and contribute to a successful garden next year.

For onion lovers, he has this news: Potato onions may be planted any time in all sections from the last part of September through the middle of October. This variety is an excellent keeper.

Another good onion for home gardens which you can plant now is the Egyptian, "tree" or "top" onion. This variety produces no bulbs but grows in late winter and very early spring and is an excellent green onion for salads and for the table. Sets are produced on top of the green stalks. A bed 6 feet square or a row 50 feet long will supply a family of 5 or 6 with green onions. If the planting is made on one side of the garden, it will renew each year when the little sets and seeds drop off the mture plants.

Now's the time to mulch asparagus and rhubard with well-rotted manure. If manure is not available, substitute an inch of sawdust. Soils where these two crops are grown should be high in organic matter. and well-drained. Mulch will protect the plants during the winter months and increases the fertility of the soil.

It's also time to clean up and destroy weeds, grasses, and mature vegetables. Otherwise you'll have an ideal place for insects and diseases to spend the winter, and you'll have a real headache when you start gardening next year. Plowing the garden early this fall also will help control any insects that live over in the garden.

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YEARLING FEEDER STEER SALES PLANNED

A record number of good yearing feeder cattle will be offered for sale in Virginia this fall.

K. C. Williamson, associate animal husbandman at VPI, says yearling feeder steer sales have been held at Abingdon for several years, and one was held at Bristol last year for the first time. This fall the program has been expanded to eight sales, at which over 6,500 head will be marketed.

The schedule: Monterey, September 20, 500 head; Abingdon, September 21, 1,200 head; Bristol, September 22, 1,000 head; Dublin, September 29, 500 head; Culpeper, October 1, 1,700 head; Christiansburg, October 4, 600 head; Harrisonburg, October 5, number not estimated; and Abingdon, October 19, 1,500 head.

Farmers who have yearling cattle to sell are advised to contact their county agricultural agents and make plans to attend the nearest event.

Williamson says Virginia farms are well adapted to the production of yearling cattle. Many calves are bought each year from feeder calf sales, in addition to the large number of home-grown calves kept. These cattle are wintered on a good growing ration, turned on grass the following summer, and sold each fall as yearling feeders. Since the number kept by each farmer ranges mostly from 10 to 30 head of various weights and grades, the yearling sales offer attractive uniform groups for buyer convenience, Williamson says. The cattle, not carrying any excess fat, will be ready to go to the feed lots or back on grass and finish out at desirable weights.

The yearlings will weigh from 600 to 1,000 pounds and will be graded by state graders and offered for sale in uniform lots by breed grade and weight.

Stonewall

Stonewall, August 23.- The revival is in progress at Bethel Church this week. The pastor, Rev. F. J. Wingfield is being assisted by the Rev. M. E. Shepherd, of Phenix.

The Rev. and Mrs. Floy W. Cox left Sunday for Louisville, Ky. to visit with relatives and to get their two children, Judy and Debra, who have been on a visit there. We hope for our good pastor and wife a nice vacation and a safe trip there and back home to us.

Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Carson received word of the birth of a granddaughter, Nancy Jean, born to Mr. and Mrs. Cantrell Smith last Monday, August 16. Mrs. Smith is the former Louise Carson. They now live in Kingsport, Tenn.

Mr. and Mrs. Irby Wheeler attended a birthday supper for their granddaughter, Louise Wheeler, at Appomattox on last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Wheeler and son, Brad spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lipscome in Lynchburg. So glad to know little Brad has gotten over his fall and broken leg.

Mr. J. S. Caldwell, Sr. has returned home from Memorial Hospital much improved. Hope he will soon be real well again.

Mrs. Lucy Sisson and son, of Richmond spent part of last week with her sister, Mrs. Parks Jennings and her family.

Mr. and Mrs. Kemp Nixon, of North Carolina spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. J. Rufus Burnette.

Mrs. Henry Beard and son, Lawrence; Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Chick, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Drinkard, Glenn Drinkard and Mrs. Alma Jennings visited Mrs. W. H. Drinkard and Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Drinkard on Sunday.

Miss Barbara Johnson and Miss Mary Lou O'Brien, of Appomattox spent last week-end with Miss Helen Moore.

Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Carson, of Roanoke spent last week-end with Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Carson.

Mrs. Marvin Taylor has gone to North Carolina to take her little nephew, Phil, home. He has been here on a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Taylor.

Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Burnette, of West Virginia will spend this week here with Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Burnette and Mr. and Mrs. John Burnette.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Kent, of Richmond spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and ... Stratton.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace ... and family spent Sunday ... and Mrs. Tom Davidson.

Mr. Norman Woodson, ... burg and Mrs. Mary Lou... Spout Spring visited Mr. ... Irby Wheeler last week.

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... the bottom of the ... be one foot in each 50 ... While an earth bot... sand, rock, or con... keep the bottom from ... Earth walls should ... for several years. ... and depth of the trench ... by the amount of ... be fed each day. The length ... on the number of days the ... to be fed. The width of the top of the trench should be 2 to 4 feet greater than the width at the bottom. Sloping sides stay firm longer and aid in packing the silage.

Fill the silo in layers of one to two feet and pack each layer with a tractor or truck. If silage is somewhat dry (below 65% in water content) add some water.

To reduce surface spoilage, cover the top to keep out the air. Use 3 to 5 inches of ground limestone; or asphalt paper held in place by soil, rock, or bales of straw; or a layer of old hay covered with 6 to 12 inches of soil; or 8 to 12 inches of sawdust.

In feeding silage, start at the open end. Remove a layer across the entire end each day.

A bunker silo is similar to the trench except it is built above the ground. Erect two solid board fences for the sides and line with asphalt paper. Use posts 5 to 6 inches is diameter; space them 4 to 6 feet apart; put them 3½ to 4 feet in the ground.

Follow suggestions for trench silo so far as width, length, depth, and slopes are concerned.

Temporary upright silos can be built with snow fencing or welded wire. Line with reinforced asphalt paper. The height of such silos should not be greater than the diameter. Pack silage well as it is put in to reduce spoilage. Covering with an air-tight material, as with trench silos, also will help.

Dealers handling material for these types of silos usually have instructions for erecting.

Silage may be piled in the form of a stack or rick above ground. Here again, a well-drained spot should be selected, silage should be packed well, and a covering used to keep out air. Spoilage is likely to be greater in a stack than in other types of "silos."

Three successive Presidents occupied the White House within 30 days. They were: Presidents Martin Van Buren, William Henry Harrison and John Tyler.

NEW BUILDINGS AT STATE FAIR

Richmond.- A new concrete and cinder block stage is being built in front of the grandstand of the State Fair of Virginia to accomodate an entirely new and different type of show for the 1954 Fair that will be held here September 24 - October 2, J. A. Mitchell, general manager, said today.

The new stage will be the center "ring" for the State Fair Circus, as the show will be called. Real sawdust rings will be set up on both sides of the stage so that three real acts of circus talent will be presented at the same time. Special lighting equipment and backdrops will be installed.

The new circus type grandstand show is being created by popular demand. All acts are to be supplied by the Cooke and Rose Theatrical Agency of Lancaster, Pa., Mitchell added.

The concrete replaces the former wooden structure so as to make it possible for the elephants, horses ponies and other heavy animals to use the center "ring."

Sunset Carson, the Hollywood Western Star, will give an exhibition of trick shooting. There will be Japanese tumbling artists, Mexican balancing act, World Famous Eqiustrienne, Will Hill's performing elephants, the Torelli horses and animals, skating champions, acrobatic clowns, monkeys and a variety of other circus acts with real clowns, and a 12 piece band. The show will be climaxed with the Dynamite Coffin act of Lucky Walters, followed by the fireworks festival. The full program will be presented in the afternoon, as well as the night performance.

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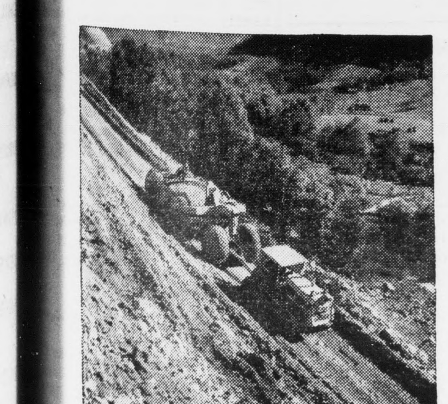
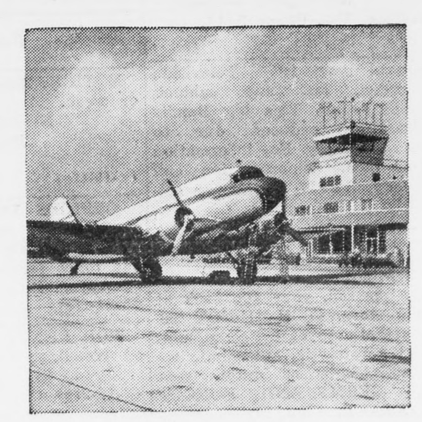
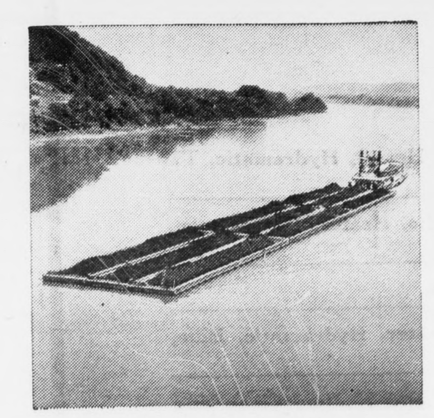
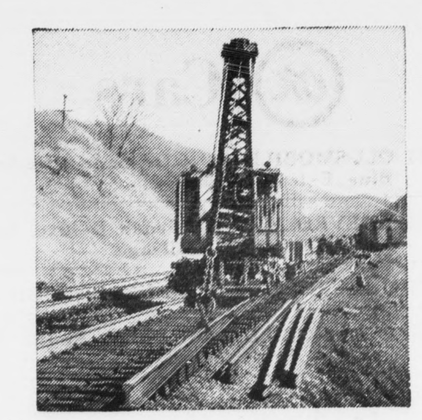
This is *not* a fair and square system.
It is unfair to you, the taxpayer, because part of the tax on the income you earn is being used to assist private business.
It is unfair to the railroads, because they are forced to compete on an unequal basis.
And it is even unfair to the big trucks, air lines, and water carriers, because they are being encouraged in an attitude of relying on government funds and facilities to help them in the operation of their private businesses.
It's time other forms of commercial transportation joined the railroads in standing on their own two feet . . . in paying their own way, all the way, all the time.
That's the fair and square way.


To build and maintain highways used by the big trucks costs $5 billion a year. The private motorist, farmer and light truck operator pay the biggest part of the bill.


Through 1953, the federal government alone had spent more than $2 billion in tax dollars on construction of civil airports and airways.


At the end of last year, 4.3 billion taxpayer dollars had been spent by Uncle Sam for river and harbor transportation facilities used by private carriers.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